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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter 19: Civilian Clothing and Personal Appearance

1. Purpose. This policy letter prescribes the standards of civilian attire and personal appearance for members of the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade.
2. Applicability. The provisions of this policy letter are applicable to all members of the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade.
3. General. The professional atmosphere and high standards of appearance created by uniformed military personnel within the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade should carry over into the selection of civilian attire. Accordingly, the following articles of clothing and appearance are inappropriate for wear by members of the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade:"
 - a. Clothing worn as an outer garment, which is obviously intended to be worn as an undergarment.
 - b. Clothing with obscene gestures or words will not be worn on the installation. Material is obscene if, considered as a whole, is objectionable or offensive to accepted standards of decency.
 - c. Articles of apparel, which include, but are not limited to, t-shirts or hats, which depict drugs or drug paraphernalia, or which advocate the use of drugs.
 - d. Bare feet in any service facility, except one where footwear is inappropriate, such as swimming pools.
 - e. Apparel or grooming which is unsanitary or offensive, because it lacks cleanliness.
 - f. Doo-rags, sweat rags; and sweat bands, when worn as headgear, any head gear with cloth draping, and handkerchiefs and bandannas when worn as head gear.
 - g. Articles of clothing, whether carried or worn, that can reasonably be interpreted to be associated with a gang or an extremist organization or the incitement of violence or harassment.
 - h. Articles of clothing that, being cut out, or excessively tight, serve to accentuate the sexual characteristics of the wearer. This provision does not prohibit clothing worn during appropriate activities at swimming pools, body building competitions and athletic events.

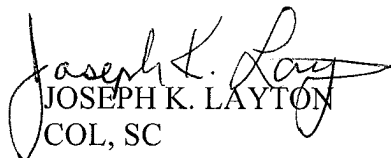
i. Shorts or trousers that expose any part of the buttocks or underwear, or otherwise immodest, whether worn by males or females.

j. Clothing that displays images or words associated with extremist organizations are prohibited from being worn.

4. Wear of jewelry and Body Piercings.

a. When on the installation, Soldiers may not attach, affix, or display objects, articles, jewelry, or ornamentation to or through the skin while they are in uniform, in civilian clothes on duty, or in civilian clothes off duty (this includes earrings for male Soldiers). The only exception is for female Soldiers, as indicated in paragraph 4b, below. (The term "skin" is not confined to external skin, but includes the tongue, lips, inside the mouth, and other surfaces of the body not readily visible).

b. Females are authorized to wear prescribed earrings with the service, dress, and mess uniforms. Earrings may be screw-on, clip-on, or post-type earrings, in gold, silver, white pearl, or diamond. When worn, the earrings will fit snugly against the ear. Females may wear earrings only as a matched pair, with only one earring per ear lobe. Females are not authorized to wear earrings with any Class C (utility) uniform (ACU, food service, physical fitness). When on duty in civilian attire, female Soldiers must comply with the specifications listed in (a) above when wearing earrings, unless otherwise authorized by the commander. When females are off duty, there are no restrictions on the wear of earrings.


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